AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

(Currently Amended) Compounds A compound of the formulae formula

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$$Z \xrightarrow{N} V \xrightarrow{Z} N X N X N X N X N X$$

andor

wherein Z is a group of the formula -OR1, a group of the formula -SR2, or a group of the formula -OR3, a group of the formula -OR3, a group of the formula -OR3, a group of the formula -SR3, or a group of the formula -NR3R4, n is an integer representing the number of repeat -(CH2)- or -(CH2CH2O)- units, wherein, provided that at least one of R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, and R6 is a hydrogen atom, provided that at least one of R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, and R6 is other than a hydrogen atom, and provided that at least one Z or Y within the compound is a group of the formula -NR1R2 or a group of the formula -NR3R4, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, and R7 each, independently of the others, is (i) a hydrogen atom, (ii) an alkyl group, including linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be placed between the carbon atoms in the alkyl group, (iii) an aryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted aryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the aryl group, (iv) an arylalkyl

group, including unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the arylalkyl group, or (v) an alkylaryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryl group, and wherein R7 can also be (vi) an alkoxy group, including linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkoxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the alkyl portion of the alkoxy group, (vii) an aryloxy group, including unsubstituted and substituted aryloxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the aryl portion of the aryloxy group, (viii) an arylalkyloxy group, including unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyloxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the arylalkyloxy group, (ix) an alkylaryloxy group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryloxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryloxy group, (x) a polyalkyleneoxy group, (xi) a polyaryleneoxy group, (xii) a polyarylalkyleneoxy group, (xiii) a polyalkylaryleneoxy group, (xiv) a silyl group, including unsubstituted and substituted silyl groups, (xv) a siloxane group, including unsubstituted and substituted siloxane groups, (xvi) a polysilylene group, including unsubstituted and substituted polysilylene groups, (xvii) a polysiloxane group, including unsubstituted and substituted polysiloxane groups, or (xviii) a group of the formula

wherein r is an integer representing a number of repeat -CH2- groups, wherein s is an integer representing a number of repeating -CH2- groups, and wherein X is (a) a direct bond, (b) an oxygen atom, (c) a sulfur atom, (d) a group of the formula -NR40- wherein R40 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, including linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be placed between the carbon atoms in the alkyl group, an aryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted aryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the aryl group, an arylalkyl group, including unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryl group, or (e) a group of the formula -CR $_{50}$ R $_{60}$ - wherein R $_{50}$ and R $_{60}$ each, independently of the other, is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, including linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be placed between the carbon atoms in the alkyl group, an aryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted aryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the aryl group, an arylalkyl group, including

unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryl group, and wherein R_{δ} can also be

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2. (Withdrawn) Compounds according to claim 1 wherein the compound is of the formulae

$$C + CH_2O - CH_2O - R_5 + R_2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 & O \\ R_2 & N - C \\ R_3 & N - C \\ \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ N - C \\ R_2 \\ R_5 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} R_2 \\ R_3 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_3 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} O \\ C - N \\ R_3 \\ \end{array}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_1 & O & O \\ R_2 & C & O \end{pmatrix} - OCH_2 + C - CH_2 - O-CH_2 - C + CH_2O - CH_2$$

3. (Currently Amended) Compounds A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is of the formulaeformula

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or

4. (Currently Amended) Compounds A compound according to claim 1 wherein Z is a group of the formula -OR1, a group of the formula -SR1, or a group of the formula -NR1R2, Y is a group of the formula -OR3, a group of the formula -SR3, or a group of the formula -NR₃R₄, n is from 1 to about 100, wherein, provided that at least one of R₁, R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 is a hydrogen atom, provided that at least one of R_1 , R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ is other than a hydrogen atom, and provided that at least one Z or Y within the compound is a group of the formula -NR₁R₂ or a group of the formula $-NR_3R_4$, R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , and R_7 each, independently of the others, is (i) a hydrogen atom, (ii) an alkyl group having at least 1 carbon atom and having no more than about 96 carbon atoms, (iii) an aryl group having at least about 6 carbon atoms and having no more than about 50 carbon atoms, (iv) an arylalkyl group having at least about 7 carbon atoms and having no more than about 96 carbon atoms, or (v) an alkylaryl group having at least about 7 carbon atoms and having no more than about 96 carbon atoms, and wherein R₇ can also be (vi) an alkoxy group having at least 1 carbon atom and having no more than about 96 carbon atoms, (vii) an aryloxy aroup having at least about 6 carbon atoms and having no more than about 50 carbon atoms, (viii) an arylalkyloxy group having at least about 7 carbon atoms and having no more than about 96 carbon atoms, (ix) an alkylaryloxy group having at least about 7 carbon atoms and having no more than about 96 carbon atoms, (x) a polyalkyleneoxy group wherein the alkyl portion of the repeat alkyleneoxy groups has from about 1 to about 12 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat alkyleneoxy groups is from about 2 to about 50, (xi) a polyaryleneoxy

group wherein the aryl portion of the repeat aryleneoxy groups has from about 6 to about 14 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat aryleneoxy groups is from about 2 to about 20, (xii) a polyarylalkyleneoxy group wherein the arylalkyl portion of the repeat arylalkyleneoxy groups has from about 7 to about 50 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat arylalkyleneoxy groups Is from about 2 to about 20, (xiii) a polyalkylaryleneoxy group wherein the alkylaryl portion of the repeat alkylaryleneoxy groups has from about 7 to about 50 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat alkylaryleneoxy groups is from about 2 to about 20, (xiv) a silyl group, (xv) a siloxane group, (xvi) a polysilylene group with from 2 to about 100 repeat silylene units, (xvii) a group of the formula

wherein r is at least 1, wherein r is no more than about 100, wherein s is at least 1, wherein s is no more than about 100, and wherein X is (a) a direct bond, (b) an oxygen atom, (c) a sulfur atom, (d) a group of the formula $-NR_{40}$ - wherein R_{40} is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with from 1 to about 50 carbon atoms, an aryl group with from 6 to about 50 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl group with from about 7 to about 100 carbon atoms, or an alkylaryl group with from about 7 to about 100 carbon atoms, or (e) a group of the formula $-CR_{50}R_{50}$ - wherein R_{50} and R_{50} each, independently of the other, is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with from 1 to about 50 carbon atoms, an aryl group with from 6 to about 50

carbon atoms, an arylalkyl group with from about 7 to about 100 carbon atoms, or an alkylaryl group with from about 7 to about 100 carbon atoms, and wherein R_6 can also be

- 5. (Currently Amended) Compounds—A compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 is an unsubstituted alkyl group, an unsubstituted arylaryl group, or an unsubstituted alkylaryl group.
- 6. (Currently Amended) Compounds A compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 is a substituted alkyl group, a substituted arylaryl group, or a substituted alkylaryl group.

(Currently Amended) Compounds A compound 7. according to claim 6 wherein the substituents on the substituted alkyl group, substituted gryl group, substituted grylglkyl group, or substituted alkylaryl group are hydroxy groups, halogen atoms, amine groups, imine groups, ammonium groups, pyridine groups, pyridinium groups, ether aroups, eldehyde groups, ester groups, amide groups, carbonyl groups, thiocarbonyl groups,—sulfate groups, sulfonate groups, sulfide groups, sulfoxide groups, phesphine groups, phosphonlum groups, phosphate groups, nitrile groups, mercapto-groups, nitro groups, nitroso groups, sulfone groups, acyl groups, acid anhydride groups, azide groups, azo groups, cyanato-groups, isocyanato-groups, thlocyanato-groups, isothiocyanato groups, alkoxy groups, aryloxy groups, arylalkyloxy groups, alkylaryloxy groups, polyalkyleneoxy groups wherein the alkyl portion of the repeat alkyleneoxy groups has from about 1 to about 12 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat alkyleneoxy groups is from about 2 to about 50, polyaryleneoxy groups wherein the aryl portion of the repeat aryleneoxy groups has from about 6 to about 14 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat aryleneoxy groups is from about 2 to about 20, polyarylalkyleneoxy groups wherein the arylalkyl portion of the repeat arylalkyleneoxy groups has from about 7 to about 50 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat arylalkyleneoxy groups is from about 2 to about 20, polyalkylaryleneoxy group wherein the alkylaryl portion of the repeat alkylaryleneoxy groups has from about 7 to about 50 carbon atoms and wherein the number of repeat alkylaryleneoxy groups is from about 2 to about 20, silyl groups, siloxane groups, polyslylene groups with from 2 to about 100 repeat silylene units,

polysiloxane groups with from 2 to about 200 repeat siloxane units, or mixtures thereof, wherein two or more substituents can be Joined together to form a ring.

- (Currently Amended) Compounds-A compound 8. according to claim 1 wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 each, independently of the others, is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, tridecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl, hexadecyl, heptadecyl, octadecyl, nonadecyl, or eicosyl.
- (Currently Amended) Compounds A compound 9. according to claim 1 wherein Rs is hydrogen.
- 10. (Currently Amended) Compounds A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₆ is hydrogen,

or

11. (Currently Amended) Compounds A compound according to claim 1 wherein n is 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

12. (Currently Amended) Compounds A compound according to claim 1 of the formulae formula

$$H_3C(H_2C)_7$$
 $N-H$
 $C-CH_2O-N-N-N-H$
 $H_3C(H_2C)_7$
 $N-H$
 $N-H$
 $N-H$

$$C + CH_{2}C + H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{5} + H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{6} + H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{6} + H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{7} + H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{17} + H_{3}C(H_{$$

$$(CH_2)_7CH_3$$
 H
 $(CH_2)_7CH_3$
 H
 $(CH_2)_7CH_3$

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Or

$$H_{2}N$$
 $H_{2}N$
 $H_{2}N$
 $H_{2}N$
 $H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{7}$
 $H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{7}$
 $H_{2}N$
 $H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{7}$
 $H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{7}$
 $H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{7}$
 $H_{3}C(H_{2}C)_{7}$

13. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of the formula

14. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of the formula

15. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 1 of the formula

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16. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 1 of the formula

17. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of the formula

18. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound of the formula

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$$C \longrightarrow CH_2O \longrightarrow N_{R_6}$$

$$R_7 \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow CH_2O \longrightarrow N_{R_6}$$

$$Z \longrightarrow N_{R_6}$$

or

wherein Z is a group of the formula -OR1, a group of the formula -SR1, or a group of the formula -NR₁R₂. Y is a group of the formula -OR₃, a group of the formula -SR3, or a group of the formula -NR3R4, n is an integer representing the number of repeat -(CH₂)- or -(CH₂CH₂O)- units, wherein, provided that at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_6 is a hydrogen atom, provided that at least one of R1, R2, R3, R4, and R6 is other than a hydrogen atom, and provided that at least one Z or Y within the compound is a group of the formula -NR1R2 or a group of the formula -NR $_3$ R $_4$, R $_1$, R $_2$ R $_3$, R $_4$, R $_6$, and R $_7$ each, independently of the others, is (1) a hydrogen atom, (ii) an alkyl group, <u>includ</u>ing linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be placed between the carbon atoms in the alkyl group, (iii) an aryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted aryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the aryl group, (iv) an arylalkyl group, including unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the arylalkyl group, or (v) an alkylaryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or

both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryl group, and wherein R₇ can also be (vi) an alkoxy group, including linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkoxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the alkyl portion of the alkoxy group, (vii) an aryloxy group, including unsubstituted and substituted aryloxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms elther may or may not be present in the aryl portion of the aryloxy group, (viii) an arylalkyloxy group, including unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyloxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the arylalkyloxy group, (ix) an alkylaryloxy group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryloxy groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryloxy group. (x) a polyalkyleneoxy group, (xi) a polyaryleneoxy group, (xii) a polyarylalkyleneoxy group, (xiji) a polyalkylaryleneoxy group, (xiv) a silyl group, including unsubstituted and substituted silvl groups, (xv) a siloxane group, including unsubstituted and substituted siloxane groups, (xvi) a polysilylene group, including unsubstituted and substituted polysilylene groups, (xvii) a polysiloxane group, including unsubstituted and substituted polysiloxane groups, or (xviii) a group of the formula

wherein r is an integer representing a number of repeat -CH₂- groups, wherein s is an integer representing a number of repeating -CH₂- groups,

and wherein X is (a) a direct bond, (b) an oxygen atom, (c) a sulfur atom, (d) a group of the formula $-NR_{40}$ - wherein R_{40} is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, including linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be placed between the carbon atoms in the alkyl group, an aryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted aryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the ary! group, an arylalkyl group, including unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryl group, or (e) a group of the formula -CR $_{50}$ R $_{60}$ - wherein R $_{50}$ and R $_{60}$ each, independently of the other, is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, including linear, branched, saturated, unsaturated, cyclic, unsubstituted, and substituted alkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be placed between the carbon atoms in the alkyl group, an aryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted arvi groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in the aryl group, an arylalkyl group, including unsubstituted and substituted arylalkyl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the alkyl portion and the <u>aryl</u> portion of the arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, including unsubstituted and substituted alkylaryl groups, and wherein hetero atoms either may or may not be present in either or both of the

alkyl portion and the aryl portion of the alkylaryl group, and wherein Rocan also be

which comprises (I) admixing a compound of the formula

$$C - CH_{2}O - NHR_{6}$$

$$R_{7} - C - CH_{2}O - NHR_{6}$$

$$R_{6}HN - O - (CH_{2})_{TT} - O - NHR_{6}$$

$$R_{6}HN - O - (CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{TC}CH_{2} - O - NHR_{6}$$

or

$$\left(R_{\delta}HN - \left(CH_{2} - C - CH_{2} - C -$$

with a cyanuric halide at a temperature below about 0°C; and (II) thereafter adding thereto one or more amines of the formulae R_1R_2NH and R_3R_4NH , wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 can be either the same as each other or different from each other and allowing the reactants to react at

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a temperature of at least about 60°C, thereby generating a compound of the formula

or

19. (Withdrawn) A process for preparing a compound of the formula

$$C+CH_{2}O-CH$$

wherein n is an integer representing the number of repeat -(CH₂)- or -(CH₂CH₂O)- units, wherein, provided that at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 is a hydrogen atom, provided that at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 is other than a hydrogen atom, R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_7 each, independently of the others, is (i) a hydrogen atom, (ii) an alkyl group, (iii) an aryl group, (iv) an arylalkyl group, or (v) an alkylaryl group, and wherein R_7 can also be (vi) an alkoxy group, (vii) an arylalkyloxy group, (ix) an alkylaryloxy group, (x) a polyalkyleneoxy group, (xi) a polyaryleneoxy group, (xii) a polyaryleneoxy group, (xiii) a polyalkyleneoxy group, (xiv) a siloyleneoxy group, (xvi) a group of the formula

wherein r is an integer representing a number of repeat -CH₂- groups, wherein s is an integer representing a number of repeating -CH₂- groups, and wherein X is (a) a direct bond, (b) an oxygen atom, (c) a sulfur atom, (d) a group of the formula -NR₄₀- wherein R₄₀ is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, or (e) a group of the formula -CR₅₀R₆₀- wherein R₅₀ and R₆₀ each, independently of the other, is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group which comprises (1) admixing a compound of the formula

$$C + CH_2O - CH_2O - NH_2$$

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$$R_{7}-C+CH_{2}O-O-NH_{2})_{3}$$

$$H_{2}N-O-(CH_{2})_{n}-O-O-NH_{2}$$

$$H_{2}N-O-(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{n}CH_{2}-O-O-NH_{2}$$
or
$$H_{2}N-O-CH_{2}+C-CH_{2}-O-CH_{2}-C+CH_{2}O-O-NH_{2}$$

with a phosgenating agent and a non-nucleophilic base at a temperature below about 0°C; and (II) thereafter adding thereto one or more amines of the formulae R₁R₂NH and R₃R₄NH, wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, and R4 can be either the same as each other or different from each other and allowing the reactants to react at a temperature of at least about 60°C, thereby generating a compound of the formula

$$C + CH_2O - CH_2O - R_5 + R_2$$

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